

"REACH THE PEOPLE"

The Republicans Are Making a Great Effort in This Direction.

DEACON HACKETT'S PLAN MADE PUBLIC.

Latest Edition of Their Fat Frying Committee. Past Crusades in the Interest of the People Recalled. Dudley's "Block of Five" Their Object Will Be Watched.

The American Protective Tariff League is an organization of highly patriotic professions and earnestly political partisanship. It is a euphemism for the fat frying committee of the Republican party. Whatever comes from its official headquarters is apt to have a business-like, short, clear cut, incisive, snappy to it, and for that reason, if for no other, deserves no little consideration. Its latest circular is in the shape of a circular letter to the heads of industrial establishments throughout the country and reads as follows:

"To defenders and friends of protection: Carefully prepared and reliable information upon the effects of threatened free trade and the effect of the Wilson-Gorman tariff is needed at the present time. The people, and especially wage earners, should be thoroughly posted upon the exact conditions prevailing. If you will furnish the information asked, we will see that it reaches the people. The extent of employment and the rate of wages are very important in this connection, and we beg to ask your earnest co-operation in securing replies to the questions asked upon the enclosed cards. With a view to the most careful comparison we make inquiries for 1890, 1892, 1894 and 1895. If possible, please fill in returns for every year."

The truest part of the appeal is the first sentence. It is full of political significance. Reliable information upon the effects of the present tariff certainly is needed at the present time. But how reliable will that information be when it is given out with the avowed purpose of supporting the "defenders and friends of protection?" Is that the sort of jury the league would impanel to sit in judgment on the Wilson-Gorman tariff?

"If you will furnish the information asked," says the plausible circular of the Protective league, "we will see that it reaches the people." This is indeed wonderfully kind and accommodating. The Republican party is always ready to "see" that things "reach the people." Their interest in the people is constant, unselfish, even self-sacrificing. They would freely present themselves and all their bolstered up infant industries as a burnt offering if the welfare of "the people" demanded it. They went out in 1888 on a crusade to "reach the people" and marched to the inspiring music of Indiana Dudley's slogan, "Work the flouters in blocks of five!"

And if recollection is true another "circular letter" came out in 1892—a letter of rare significance and properly signed by Deacon Hackett of the New York State Republican committee. Then the request was, "If you know a Democrat who may be induced to vote the Republican ticket, we will see to it that the proper influence is brought to bear in his case." It would seem that the result of that experiment would have taught the Republican party a lesson. Circular letters are serious things. Efforts to "reach the people" will bear watching by men who have the real interests of the country at heart.—Philadelphia Record.

Sheep Raisers Favor Free Wool. There is not a housewife in the land who has not felt by experience the advantages of the Wilson law in the reduced cost of 25 per cent on woolen goods alone, and the Republican congress that attempts to restore the McKinley duties of 33 per cent on raw wool and 97 per cent on woolen fabrics will only evoke ridicule and disgust. The Wilson law removed the tax one-half on woolen goods and altogether on raw wool. The compensatory balance in favor of the wool growers has been so remarkable in better prices and demand as to make even the flock masters advocates of the new tariff. Reduced prices to purchasers who use about \$800,000,000 worth of woolen goods a year, an average of \$12 per capita for the whole country, cannot be restored to the McKinley figures, and the party that advocates it simply flirts with distasteful.—Philadelphia Times.

Nothing but Ice Will Do.

An Atchison girl is very anxious for ice thick enough for skating. She knows a young man who is sure she can land if she can get him on the ice. She had him all but landed when the ice broke up last year.—Atchison Globe.

English Yachtswomen. Among the best known yachtswomen in England are the Misses Mand and Winifred Sutton, the daughters of Sir Richard Sutton and sisters of that Sir Richard who brought over the Genesta to race for the America's cup with the Puritan. They began racing in 1891 with the half-racer Helen. The next year Miss Winifred purchased a Herreshoff boat, the Woe Win, with which she has carried off many prizes.

Miss Eva A. Wood is the first woman to be appointed a draftsman by the city of Brooklyn. She passed a civil service examination and stood at the head of the list with an average of 94. Her salary will be \$70 per month.

Living some distance from the center of the city of Denver, I have occasion to ride a great deal on the Tramway cars, which is the name given to one of the street railways in this western city. Several times a little black dog has been a fellow passenger. He is a bright, intelligent, good natured looking fellow and appears as if he was accustomed to dine upon the best of food three times a day. He is called Tramway Billy and seems, by general consent, to have become the property of the Tramway company.

Billy formerly belonged to a private family, but they could not keep him at home, for he would run away to the depot where the cars came in and seemed to enjoy very much taking rides about the city. He rides over the entire system, sometimes going out as far as University Park, Montclair or Riverside. All the conductors and motormen know Billy and make a great deal of him.

Whenever he wishes to board a car, he goes to the proper side of the street, because he seems to understand that the cars stop only at certain places, and waits there. They always stop the car for Billy as much as for any other passenger. He is always greeted very cordially. Sometimes he is undecided in regard to what car he will take, and as one comes along, he seems to think that it would be better for him to wait until the next one comes. Then the conductor or motorman calls out, "Come, Billy, come and take a ride!" Billy usually accepts this invitation so hospitably extended. He often occupies the seat on the front of the car beside the motorman.

Need we say that Billy is a great favorite with the employees of the road? "Why," as one conductor expressed it, "if a person wants to get into trouble, just let him attack that dog! The boys would fight until the last minute for Billy."

Oh, yes, they feed him well! Whenever the cars stop at an eating station he always expects to receive a lunch. One day a motorman said to a conductor when they were stopping at one of these stations at the terminus of a line: "Oh, get Billy something to eat! He's hungry."

"He's the biggest beggar I ever saw. I never saw him when he didn't want something to eat," replied the other.

Sometimes Billy is invited to dine at the homes of his friends. One day about noon Billy, in company with a gentleman, got on a car. After riding several blocks they alighted and went up steps of a house. Probably Billy had accepted an invitation to take dinner out that day.

Perhaps some day my little readers may have the pleasure of visiting Denver, the Queen City of the Plains, and may then have an opportunity to form the acquaintance of Tramway Billy.—Mattie J. Atkins in Zion's Herald.

A Cycle Club's Mascot. It was conceded on all hands that the parade of the Union Men's Cycle club was one of the pleasing incidents of the building trades council's big procession in Chicago on Labor day. The club attracted general attention, but the club's mascot, little Eddie Hollister, was at times the special center of interest and curiosity. Eddie is not yet 7 years of age and looked amazingly diminutive when on a wheel and surrounded by the other members of the club. He is an intelligent little fellow, but evinces no desire to be regarded as a boy prodigy or to be particularly precocious. He is every inch a boy and seems to have figured it out that he should have all of a boy's fun while he is yet a boy. And boylike his greatest ambition is to excel in everything bearing semblance to a contest, a peculiarity which renders it extremely difficult for the rest of the club to keep pace with him on occasions and at the same time prevent him from breaking his neck. Mascot Eddie gave an exhibition of his abilities as a "scorer" on Labor day which was highly relished by the throngs of people assembled at the reviewing stand. Dressed in the most approved bicycle costume, with a sash which bore in gilt letters the words, "Eight Hour Herald," the little fellow repeatedly circled the monument at a high rate of speed, much to the edification of the judges and guests. It was the unanimous verdict that the Union Men's Cycle club and its mascot were all right.—Eight Hour Herald.

How to Test a Thermometer. To tell whether a thermometer actually does its work invert the instrument. If the mercury does not fall to the end or if it breaks into several small columns, the thermometer contains air and is inaccurate. If perfectly made the slender thread should fill the tube or should break off at the bulb and fall to the end of the tube.

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